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For: FULLY VULCANIZED THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER, PREPARATION AND  
USE THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS :

Please cancel claim 17.

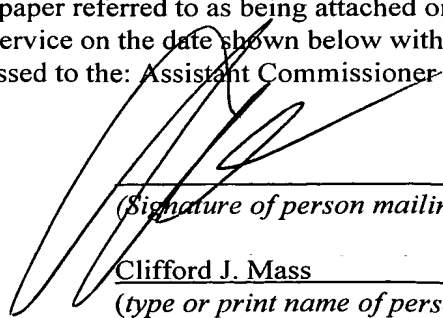
Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

4. (Amended) The fully vulcanized thermoplastic elastomer according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the average particle size of said rubber phase is  $0.05\mu\sim 0.5\mu$ , more  
preferably  $0.05\mu\sim 0.2\mu$ .

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